

POETRY.

MY WHITE CHRYSANTHEMUM.

As purely white as Ice is the drifted snow,
More dazzling far than summer
Petals are its rays, like a clear-
rounded star,
When winds blow chilly and red sun-
sets glow,
Your blossoms blow,
Sweet with a refreshing fragrance all
thru't
In which a faint, dim breath of bitter
Like wholesome truth mid honeyed
flatteries;
When other blooms are dead, and birds
have flown,
You stand alone,
Fronting the winter with a fearless
grace,
Flavoring the odorless, gray autumn
Nipped by the furtive frosts, but
cheerful
Lifting the brave from the bare gar-
den place
A smiling face

have down,
 You stand alone.
 Fronting the winter with a fearless
 grace,
 Flavoring the odorless, gray autumn
 chime,
 Nipped by the furtive frosts, but
 cheery still,
 Lifting to Heaven from the bare gar-
 den place
 A smiling face.
 —Susan Coolidge.

THE WIND IN THE LEAVES.

The wind that moves among the leaves
Is some slim maiden none perceives,
Who evermore her magic weaves,
And dances;
You hear her feet, as soft as thieves';
And then the silken swish of sleeves,
Fluttered along the forest's caves,
Entrances.

She leans and whispers in the ear
Of every wild-flower something dear—
How to protect their hearts from fear

Then takes the thistle's feathery sphere
And glimmers it across the mere,
Or on a cobweb, trailing clear,
Goes flying.

The butterfly, that comes and goes,
She tosses on the woodwound rose;
And, standing sly on elfin toes,
She teases

The calyxed bee that whines; then
blows
Into each bud till wide it grows;
And swift the musk that in it glows
She seizes.

Then, fairy-fair, away she trips,
Wild perfume on her wildwood lips
To where, with twinkling finger-tips,

Day's daughter,
Dusk, waits her where the silence
* drips;
There from her gown of light she slips
And with the star of twilight dips
The water.
—Madison Cawein, in *The Outlook*.

VIEWS AND VARIETIES

Clever Sayings.

Knicker—Does his auto smoke?
Bocker—Yes, but he hates to make it stop until after he is married.—Harper's Bazar.

"Pop, what does it mean by being financially embarrassed?" "Being married, my son."—Boston Transcript.

"Has the doctor a large practice?"
 "So large that when people have nothing the matter with them he tells them so."—Pittsburg Post.

"When you lie awake at night, do you count sheep going over a fence?"
 "No. I count automobiles that pass at full speed."—Buffalo Express.

The Bachelor—Are you happily married?
 This Benedict—You bet I am.

"My wife believes everything I tell her," —Chicago News.

"My poor fellow, were you always a tramp?" "No, mum. Once I was known as a man about town." —Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Was your chafing dish party a success?" "Great. We spoiled all the food early in the evening and then went to a regular restaurant." —Washington Post.

"I'm thinking of getting married."
 "Then you will be. Congratulations."
 "But how much will it cost us to live?"
 "That's simple. Add about \$5 a week
 to what you get."—Cleveland Leader.

"I am to meet the duke at the dock."
 "But he has never seen you, girl."
 "For means of identification he is to
 wear a red carnation and I am to carry

"Well, who do you think you are?" asked David, unafraid. "I am the man in charge," gruffly answered Gellatly.

The cub reporter was telling an extraordinary tale at the press club. "Well, boys," he continued, "to make a long story short—" "Hand it to the city editor!" interrupted the sporting writer, cruelly. —Macon News.

tion. "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest," bellowed Stevenson's Pirate. "Ha! Jolly old football song, that!" exclaimed the hero of the college novel, which, though recent, was already dead.—Puck.

MUCH IN LITTLE

The Wai-wu-nu has issued instruc-

A Chinese telegram says that, as the government is aware that iron is produced in Shansi province, it proposes to establish a government iron factory there on a large scale.

The receipts of the Chilean government for 1909 amounted to \$51,711,135 United States gold, with an expense account of \$56,189,977, leaving a deficit of \$4,409,822 for the year.

French physicians are experimenting with injections of solutions of radium into the human body in an endeavor to

Tests of the air in the halls of congress which were designed before ventilation became a science have shown that the worst is found near the speaker's desk and the best far that of the vice president.

Leung Kwok Chun and others have been given a trial of the monopoly of spirit licenses at Canton on the ground that wines and spirits are a luxury. The monopolists must undertake to pay an annual revenue of \$420,000 gold.

Philadelphia has attained its popularity as a point from which balloonists start their flights for the reason that it

Japan sold 180,000 dozen bottles of beer in Korea in 1969 and a similar amount was exported to Port Arthur and Dalmay and China. The Philippines absorb the largest number of bottles of Japan's mineral waters, but Korea

It is well known that soy-bean cake has for years been the most popular fertilizer in Japan. Now, however, that the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe and America to a less extent, have become producers

have become purchasers of Manchurian beans, the question arises whether Japan will continue to be able to buy bean cake in huge quantities if the price rises appreciably.